

A SCENE FROM "THE TOWN OF BLISTER"

Or "The Town of Blister"—All in One Act and That a Great One.

AT THE PROMISE THEATRE.

Under the Personal Supervision of Messrs. Circulars & Haberdasher.

DRAMATIS PERSONAE. The Make-up of Promisestown, "Gracie," "Sissy Edith," "Pookah," "High Everything," "Serpents, unions, scabs, blacksmiths, etc."

GRACIE-PO-But how good of you (for I see that you are a newspaper manager of the highest rank) in consenting to tell all this to me, a mere city editor.

POOKAH-Don't mention it! I am, in point of fact, a particularly able and clear seeing person of super-excellent newspaper sense. You will understand this when I tell you that I can trace my journalistic life back to a pumpkin-and-potato-subscription sheet in Illinois.

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When the cat is away, then the little mice play; Where there is a will there is always a way.

One's deep in the mud as the other in mire; Don't jump from the frying pan into the fire.

There's no use crying o'er milk that is spilt; No acuser is needed by conscience of guilt.

There must be some fire wherever is smoke; The pitcher goes off to the well till it's broke.

By rogues falling out honest men get the due; Whoever it fits, he must put on the shoe.

All work and no play will make Jack a dull boy; A thing of much beauty is ever a joy.

A half loaf is better than no bread at all; And pride always goeth before a sad fall.

Fast bind and fast find, have two strings to your bow; Contentment is better than riches, we know.

The devil finds work for idle hands to do; A miss is as good as a mile is to you.

You speak of the devil he's sure to appear; You can't make a silk purse from an old sow's ear.

A man by his company is always known; Who lives in a glass house should not throw a stone.

When the blind leads the blind both will fall in the ditch; It's better for a lucky than being born rich.

Little pitchers have big ears; burnt child dreads the fire; Though speaking the truth no one credits a liar.

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Helena is a beautiful city situated in the heart of the Rockies in the historical LAST CHANCE CULCH.

It is noted for its large number of wealthy and comfortable citizens, many of whom have made their fortunes either in mining or the sheep and cattle business.

Men who take pride in endeavoring to make Helena one of the finest cities in the territory, and who are anxious to see it grow in size in the country that can compare with it in regard to wealth, fine business houses and costly residences.

It has just completed a \$100,000 court house, built in a style which is not to be found in any other part of the territory.

The Northern Pacific runs through Helena and the Montana Union, a branch of the Northern Pacific, connects it with Butte, 100 miles distant.

By next fall the Montana Central and Manitoba roads, now under construction, will enter this place, which will make it, as it is now to a great extent, a great center for the northern country as far as the Canadian line.

Helena is surrounded by numerous mining camps, such as Marysville, where the famous Drum Lummon mine is situated.

Chico, Wolf, Boulder, and many others which are all tributary to Helena. It is still a very lively town, but it will never again experience such lively times as it had before the railroad.

There are twenty years in Helena, however, had several test cases as to its legality, and after spending considerable money in law suits she was finally knocked out.

She then converted her large dance hall into a saloon, and she has since been a saloon keeper. She is estimated to be worth \$250,000.

In early days when running her dance hall it was necessary to get new girls occasionally, as girls were scarce in Helena, and she had to send to other places.

She would sometimes marry, get tired of being swung around by cow punchers and leave, or take a dose of morphine, and she would take a trip to Chicago, and by the time she returned she would have returned to Montana with her face as high as twenty-five girls at one time.

There is a beautiful little opera house here, one of the best in Montana, and a few saloons that have some attractions as a banjo picker, contortionist or a woman singing.

Some of the best dramatic and operatic companies on the Pacific coast, and some of the best way well patronized. Outside of Helena and Butte few traveling troupes, but John H. McGuire, who has the Montana circuit, has a stock company who travel through Montana, Idaho, and the United States assay office is situated near the center of the town, although not a very handsome building, attracts a good deal of attention for the reason that it is the only place where one can see the fresh green grass growing on the grounds which are arranged terrace fashion.

No doubt a great many eastern people have an impression that the "MONTANA" are quite a rabble and half of them living with squabs or belong to vigilance committees. In that they are greatly mistaken for the society in Helena is just as refined as in Boston.

They have their clubs and duresses, toboggan clubs, and progressive euchre parties, lawn tennis, poker and faro, bicycle riders and broncho breakers, etc.

The "MONTANA" do not know whether finger nails have been introduced in Montana yet or no. Nappkins are used, however, and in some of the smaller camps a large New Foundland dog answers the purpose.

To illustrate and prove that a tenderfoot is not a tenderfoot in Montana, we mention the following which is told of a Montanaian for truth: It seems two Montanaians entered a restaurant in Helena for the purpose of getting dinner.

While waiting for their order, a STRANGER ENTERED and sat opposite to them and called for celery. Presently the waiter returned with the celery when the stranger asked the two Montanaians if they had any celery.

One of the two Montanaians hearing the remark, nudged his friend in the side, saying: "Heed that—fool asking for celery with the roots on." The other Montanaian, however, said: "Helena's population is composed of people of nearly every nationality as all western towns. The Chinese, however, are more numerous than any other race in Montana. They number between five and six hundred and are all bunched together at the north end of town.

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